

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (original): A thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film,  
which is obtainable by using a thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition containing a thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin in an amount of 100 parts by weight and a rubber polymer in an amount of 5 to 40 parts by weight, parallel transmittance being 87% or more.
2. (original): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1, wherein the difference of refractive indexes between the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin and the rubber polymer is 0.2 or less.
3. (currently amended): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~,  
which has a tensile elastic modulus of 900 MPa or higher and a tensile elongation at break of 4 to 40%.
4. (currently amended): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~,  
wherein residual retardation is 3 nm or lower and displacement of an optical axis is  $\pm 10^\circ$  or smaller with respect to a machine direction.
5. (currently amended): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~,  
wherein residual retardation is 1 nm or lower.

6. (currently amended): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4 or 5,~~

wherein the difference between the maximum thickness and the minimum thickness in measuring a thickness by a method according to JIS K 7130 is 5  $\mu\text{m}$  or smaller.

7. (currently amended): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5 or 6,~~

which may be rewinded without breaking with tension of 500 N/650 mm.

8. (currently amended): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7,~~

wherein the rubber polymer is a styrenic elastomer.

9. (original): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 8, wherein the styrenic elastomer is a styrene-ethylene-butylene copolymer, the content of a styrene component being 25 to 50% by weight and the content of an ethylene component being 25 to 50% by weight.

10. (currently amended): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9,~~

wherein the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition further contains a thermoplastic resin having a number average molecular weight of 300 to 10,000.

11. (currently amended): The thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10,~~

wherein a photoelastic coefficient is  $2.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$  or smaller.

12. (currently amended): An optical film,  
which comprises the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1,  
~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11.~~

13. (currently amended): A protective film for a polarizer,  
which comprises the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1,  
~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11.~~

14. (currently amended): A retardation film,  
which comprises the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 1,  
~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11.~~

15. (original): A polarizing plate,  
which comprises a protective film for a polarizer, comprising a norbornene resin  
composition, and a polarizer, parallel transmittance being 40% or more, and the polarizing plate  
not breaking in peeling off the polarizing plate with a tensile speed of 300 mm/min and tension  
of 2.5 to 3 N/25 mm under the conditions of a 180 degree peel test according to JIS Z 1528.

16. (original): The polarizing plate according to claim 15,  
wherein a rate of change in dimensions measured before and after heating at 90°C for 24  
hours is 2% or less.

17. (original): A polarizing plate,  
which is obtainable by laminating the retardation film according to claim 14 directly on at  
least one side of a polarizer.

18. (currently amended): A method of producing the thermoplastic saturated norbornene  
resin film according to claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11~~, by a melt extrusion process,

wherein a melting temperature of the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition during melting the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition and sending the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition to a die is a glass transition temperature of the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin plus 135°C or lower and an average residence time from melting the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition to sending the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition to a die is 40 minutes or less.

19. (original): The method of producing a thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 18,

wherein temperature, immediately prior to contact with a chill roll, of the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition extruded from a die is a glass transition temperature of the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin plus 50°C or more.

20. (original): The method of producing a thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin film according to claim 18,

wherein temperature, immediately prior to contact with a chill roll, of the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin composition extruded from a die is a glass transition temperature of the thermoplastic saturated norbornene resin plus 80°C or more.